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### **September 2008's Monthly Index of Economic Activity, Imacec**

According to preliminary information, in September the Imacec increased 5.5% over the same month last year. The seasonally-adjusted series rose 0.5% with respect to the previous month, while the cyclical trend series recorded an annualized expansion of 4.2%.

The month's results reflected the positive incidence of three more working days than September 2007 and the performance of the Manufacturing, Wholesale trade and Communications activities. There was also the negative contribution of Mining because of the drop in copper production.

In accordance with the pre-established, public timetable for the disclosure of national accounts, preliminary GDP figures for the third quarter, as well as revisions to first and second quarter figures, will be published on 24 November.